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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN EDITORIAL REVIEW JANUARY 28

TWO LEADING ARABIC AR-RAIY AND AD-DUSTOUR DAILIES JAN.28  
CARRIED ALMOST IDENTICAL HEADLINES AND EDITORIALS, SEEMINGLY  
DICTATED BY SAME AUTHORIZED SOURCE, REFLECTING DISAPPROVAL OF  
US VETO. GOJ-SPONSORED TV AND RADIO FOLLOWED SUIT.

QUOTING JORDAN AMBASSADOR TO UN, ABDUL HAMID SHARAF, JORDAN  
MEDIA CALLED US VETO QTE HISTORICAL MISTAKE, GIVING NO WAY FOR UNIQUE  
OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH PEACE IN AREA. ENDQTE.

DISAPPROVAL VETO AT ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS IS REPORTED  
IN PROMINENT PLACES BOTH PAPERS. WHILE GIVING LITTLE IMPORTANCE TO  
US JUSTIFICATION ITS POSITION, BOTH PAPERS REPORT  
DEMONSTRATIONS IN WEST BANK ARAB CIRCLES AND SATISFACTION  
OVER VETO IN ISRAELI CIRCLES.

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AR-RAIY CONTINUES FOLLOW UP NEWS OF PREMIER RABIN VISIT TO US,

SAYING HE RELATES PEACE POSSIBILITIES IN AREA TO ISRAELI MILITARY POWER.

EDITORIAL ENTITLED: WHAT IS AFTER US VETO?

QTE US VETO INDICATES THAT US FAILED TO ESTABLISH HARMONY BETWEEN ARAB ATTEMPT TO UNDERSTAND RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 IN LIGHT OF PALESTINIAN POSITION AS POLITICAL ENTITY ON ONE SIDE, AND ITS OWN ME POLICY TRENDS WHICH CAME ABOUT AFTER OCTOBER, 1973 WAR. VETO DID NOT COME OUT AS HAD BEEN EXPECTED, ESPECIALLY SINCE US HAD TO FACE PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATES. HOWEVER, AFTER US VETO AREA NOW FACES ONE OF TWO POSSIBILITIES:

QTE A. GENEVA CONFERENCE TO RECONVENE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF RESOLUTION 242 WHICH SAYS EVERYTHING AND SIMULTANEOUSLY NOTHING. ARAB PARTICIPANTS IN SUCH CONFERENCES WILL HAVE NO WAY OF IMPLEMENTING PALESTINIAN DECISIONS OF RABAT CONFERENCE.

QTE B. SYRIA WILL OPPOSE GENEVA CONFERENCE BY RECONSIDERING RENEWAL UN FORCES ON ITS BORDERS WITH ISRAEL AND CONSEQUENTLY RUN INTO FURTHER ESCALATION AND CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL. ENDQTE.

AR-RAI EDITORIAL CARRIES FOLLOWING: QUOTE-AT ONE TIME NORTH KOREA SEIZED AN AMERICAN SPY SHIP AND BROUGHT ITS CREW TO TRIAL DESPITE ALL US THREATS. TURKEY FROZE THE US BASES ON ITS TERRITORY WHEN THE US SUSPENDED ARMS DELIVERIES TO TURKEY. WHAT WILL BE THE REPLY OF THE ARAB NATION TO THE US WHICH STANDS AGAINST OUR RIGHT AND DIGNITY? UNTIL WHEN WILL WE REMAIN SILENT TOWARDS AMERICAN AGGRESSIONS ON US? THE WHOLE WORLD IS QUITE ASTONISHED AT OUR SILENCE.-UNQUOTE.

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOME CRITICISMS OF US VETO HARD HITTING, WE ARE STRUCK BY OBVIOUS ATTEMPT NOT TO LET ANY EMOTIONS GET OUT OF HAND ON ISSUE. STORY FOR TWO DAYS ON RADIO, TELEVISION AND PRESS HAS NOT BEEN LEAD ITEM.  
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